

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A photopolymerizable composition comprising:
  - (a) a polymerizable compound having an addition-polymerizable unsaturated bond;
  - (b) an organic dye; and
  - (c) at least one kind of an organoboron compound represented by the following general formula (I) in a proportion of at least one mole per mole of the organic dye:

General formula (I)



wherein R is selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group, a substituted alkyl group, an aryl group, a substituted aryl group, an aralkyl group, a substituted aralkyl group, an alkaryl group, a substituted alkaryl group, an alkenyl group, a substituted alkenyl group, an alkynyl group, a substituted alkynyl group, an alicyclic group, a substituted alicyclic group, a heterocyclic group, a substituted heterocyclic group, and a derivative thereof; R<sub>s</sub> may be the same as or different from each other; two or more of these groups may join together directly or via a substituent and form a boron-containing heterocycle; and X represents an alkali metal, quaternary ammonium, pyridinium, quinolinium, diazonium, morpholinium, tetrazolium, acridinium,

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phosphonium, sulfonium, oxosulfonium, iodonium, S, P, Cu, Ag, Hg, Pd, Fe, Co, Sn, Mo, Cr, Ni, As, or Se.

2. A photopolymerizable composition according to claim 1, wherein the organic dye is at least one selected from the group consisting of a cationic dye, an anionic dye, and a nonionic dye.

3. A photopolymerizable composition according to claim 1, wherein the photopolymerizable composition further includes heat-responsive microcapsules comprising a color-forming component.

4. A photopolymerizable composition according to claim 1, wherein the polymerizable compound having an addition-polymerizable unsaturated bond is photoreactive and hardens due to photopolymerization.

5. A photopolymerizable composition according to claim 1, wherein the polymerizable compound having an addition-polymerizable unsaturated bond is at least one of a substantially colorless compound having in the molecule thereof a polymerizable group and a site which reacts with a color-forming component so as to develop a color and a substantially colorless compound having in the molecule thereof a polymerizable group and a site which inhibits the reaction between a color-forming component and another compound.

6. A recording material comprising a support and at least one recording layer provided thereon which includes a photopolymerizable composition comprising: (a) a

polymerizable compound having an addition-polymerizable unsaturated bond; (b) an organic dye; and (c) at least one kind of an organoboron compound represented by the following general formula (I) in a proportion of at least one mole per mole of the organic dye:

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7. A recording material according to claim 6, wherein the at least one recording layer comprises a multicolor

multilayer recording layer formed by lamination of layers, each of which is adopted for producing a different color.

8. The recording material according to claim 7, wherein the layers contain first to  $i$  th layers, the first recording layer being sensitive to light having a central wavelength of  $\lambda_1$ , and developing a color, a second recording layer being sensitive to light having a central wavelength of  $\lambda_2$ , and developing a color different from the color of the first recording layer, . . . and an  $i$  th recording layer being sensitive to light having a central wavelength of  $\lambda_i$ , and developing a color different from the colors of  $i-1$  th recording layer, with the layers being laminated in a direction of thickness of the multilayer recording layer from the plane on which recording light is incident, and  $i$  being at least 2.

9. A recording material according to claim 7, wherein the multicolor multilayer recording layer comprises at least one intermediate layer between the recording layers.

10. A recording material according to claim 6, wherein the recording layer includes a protective layer as an outermost layer.

11. A recording material according to claim 6, wherein the recording layer is a photo- and heat-sensitive recording layer.

12. A recording material according to claim 6, wherein the recording layer is a photo- and pressure-sensitive recording layer.

13. A recording material according to claim 6, wherein the photopolymerizable composition further includes heat-responsive microcapsules including a color-forming component.

14. A recording material according to claim 11, wherein the photopolymerizable composition includes heat-responsive microcapsules including a color-forming component A, and, outside the microcapsules, a substantially colorless compound B having in the molecule thereof a polymerizable group and a site which reacts with the color-forming component A to develop a color, and a photopolymerization initiator comprising the organic dye and the organoboron compound.

15. A recording material according to claim 11, wherein the photopolymerizable composition includes heat-responsive microcapsules enclosing a color-forming component A, and, outside the microcapsules, a substantially colorless compound C having a site which reacts with the color-forming component A to develop a color, a substantially colorless compound D having in the molecule thereof a polymerizable group and a site which inhibits reaction between the color-forming component A and the compound C, and a photopolymerization initiator comprising the organic dye and the organoboron compound.

16. A recording material according to claim 12, wherein the photopolymerizable composition includes microcapsules enclosing a color-forming component A, a polymerizable compound, and a photopolymerization initiator

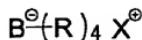
comprising the organic dye and the organoboron compound and includes, outside the microcapsules, a substantially colorless compound E which reacts with the color-forming component A to develop a color.

17. A recording material according to claim 8, wherein i is an integer selected from 2 to 4.

18. An image-recording process comprising the steps of:

(a) preparing a recording material by laminating at least one recording layer on a support, with the at least one recording layer including a photopolymerizable composition comprising (i) a polymerizable compound including an addition-polymerizable unsaturated bond, (ii) an organic dye, and (iii) at least one kind of an organoboron compound represented by the following general formula (I) in a proportion of at least one mole per mole of the organic dye

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(b) exposing the recording layer image-wise to light at least once using at least one light source so that the photopolymerizable composition forms a latent image;

(c) heating the recording material so that the color-forming components develop colors according to the latent image to form an image; and

(d) irradiating the recording layer surface with light so as to fix the image formed and decolorize the organic dyes.

19. An image-recording process according to claim 18, wherein the step of exposing includes using a plurality of light sources of different wavelengths.

20. An image-recording process according to claim 18, wherein the step of preparing a recording material includes laminating a plurality of recording layers on the support, with the recording layers being sensitive to light of different wavelength from one another.

21. An image-recording process according to claim 18, wherein the step of preparing a recording material includes

providing microcapsules comprising a color-forming component  
in at least one recording layer.

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